

FBI Roles and Responsibilities in Response to Terrorism

FBI's Role in Terrorism Response

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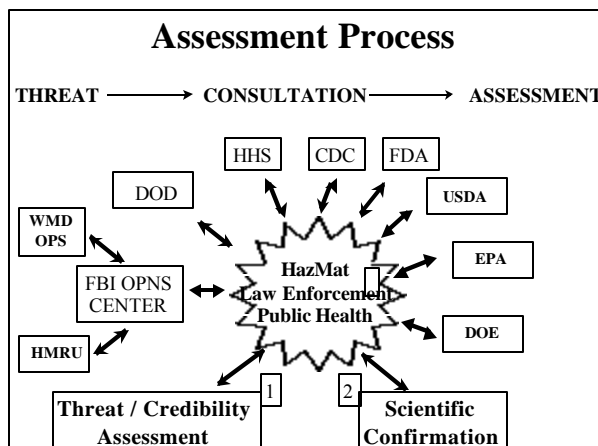
- PDD 39, 62
 - ✦ Crisis Management
 - ✦ "...Identify, acquire, and plan use of resources needed to anticipate, prevent, and/or resolve a threat or act of terrorism"
- HSPD 5
 - ✦ "...Detect, Prevent, Preempt and Disrupt Terrorist Attacks"
 - ✦ Secretary DHS is "Primary Federal Official"

"Who's in Charge?"

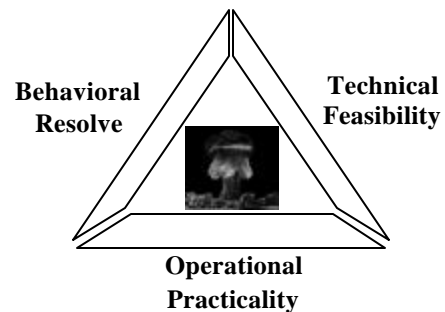
- More appropriately, "Who's in Charge of What?"
- FBI has Responsibility as "Lead Federal Agency" for Crisis Management
- Does NOT mean "FBI Takes Over"
 - "Identify, acquire, and plan use of resources needed to anticipate, prevent, and/or resolve a threat or act of terrorism" (ref. PDD 39)
 - Local, State & Federal assets coordinate response
 - ✦ Based on missions, capabilities

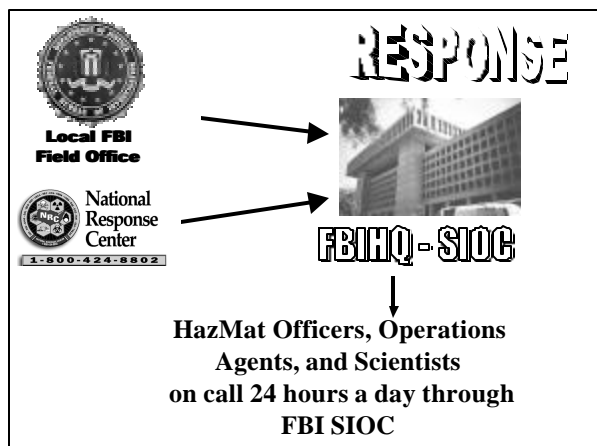
FBI Responsibilities

- Threat Assessment
 - Evaluation of Information
 - Conference Call with SMEs
- Operational Response
 - Criminal Investigation
 - Evidence Collection
 - Field Safety Screening



THREAT ASSESSMENTS





What Is The HMRU?

- HMRU provides Technical and Scientific Response, and Forensic Support to FBI Investigations involving Hazardous Materials, including WMD
- HMRU provides WMD training for FBI personnel

Who Staffs The HMRU?

- Supervisory Special Agents
 - Backgrounds in Evidence Response
- Hazardous Materials Officers & Specialists
 - Careers in Firefighting, Law Enforcement, Hazmat, EMS, Urban Search & Rescue, Technical Rescue
- PhD Scientists & Radiological Specialists
 - Careers in Microbiology, Chemistry, Radiological Sciences



FBI Field HMRTs

- 17 Teams
 - Expanding to 32
- Respond to Incidents w/ Reach-back to HMRU
- Field Screen & Collect Evidence
- FBI Special Agents and Professional Support Employees



Chemical Terrorism Response: Crime Scene Processing

- Collection and Preservation of Evidence
- Packaging
- Decontamination
- Chain of Custody
- Transport by FBI/LEO



Field Safety Screening

- Performed by HazMat Team (Local/FBI)
- To Protect Health and Safety
 - Victims
 - Responders
 - Community
 - Laboratory Personnel (PH and Forensic)
- Provide Initial Characterization of the Hazard

Field Safety Screening

- Explosives/Devices



- Radiological/Nuclear



- Flammables



- Volatile Organic Compounds



- Corrosives

Summary

- **FBI Roles and Responsibilities Include:**

- Preservation of Life and Safety
- Preparedness
- Assessment
- Investigative Response

- **If You Suspect an Act of Terrorism,
Contact Local FBI WMD Coordinator**